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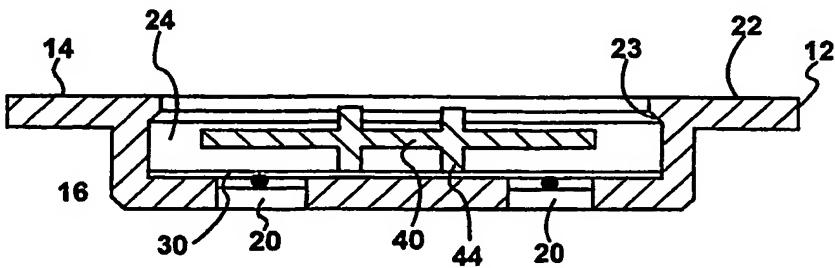
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gasses therethrough. The recess (24) is operative to receive and support the membrane element (20). The restraining member (40) is operative for snap engagement with the tubular body (12) at a rim (23) for retaining the membrane element (30) within the recess (24).

(57) Abstract: A valve assembly is provided for venting pressurized gases generated from within an enclosed package during a heating of the package. The valve assembly has a membrane element (30), a tubular body (12), and a retaining member (40). The tubular body (12) has a recess (24) defined therebetween. The tubular body (12) has an aperture (20) for venting the pressurized